

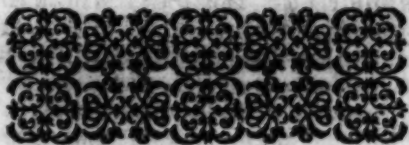
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to be inquired of, by the
reuerende Father in God,

Richarde by Gods providence

Bishop of Elye,

For the Churchwardens and Inquirers
of euery seuerall Parishes within his
Diocese, in his visitation, holden
in the yeare of our Lord

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¶ To the Persons, Vicars,
and Curates, Churchwardens,

and Inquirers, within the
Diocese of Ely.



As much as in my former visitati-
ons, I deliuered out certayne Injuncti-
ons, as well unto you of the Clergie, as
unto the Churchwardens, and other
sworne men, to be diligently obserued
and kept: it shall not be needfull to re-
peate and inioyne the same agayne. In
case any newe matter of disorder maye
appere vnto you, by the inquirie of my Articles, ye shall doe
well and duetifully to receiue and take the true sense, and
meaning of the sayd Articles, to be in place and strafe of In-
junctions, bothe vnto the Clergie, and also to the Laytie, as
we be to call them. Which Articles, by the way of questi-
ons, I thought good to minister vnto you, to the intent both
that ye may by the helpe of them moze easily fynd out, and
declare all the disorders whiche are used in your parishes,
to the euill example of others, and to the highe dishonour of
Almightie God. And that also by your faithfull information
vpon your othes, I may be the better able to redresse all dis-
orders and faultes, to the edifying of the people in your pa-
rish, and to the glozie of the Almighty and euermourning God.
These Articles yet Churchwardens muste diligently exa-
mine, and truly answer to euery Article according to
your othes:

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In primis whether your Person or Vicar, doe preach against the vsurped power of the Bishop of Rome, and his romish doctrine and errors, according to the Quenes Maiesties Injunctions.

2 Item whether he reade twice in the yeare, the confession concerning the principall articles of Religion set forth by the Archbysop of Canterbury, and other Bysops.

3 Item whether you haue one Sermon euery quarter at the least, in your parische Church.

4 Item whether there be any Monuments of superstition remayning, as Images, Crosse, holy water stokes, Roodelottes, and such like.

5 Item whether there be any in your parische that speaketh agaynst any pointe of Religion, nowe established in this Realme, or any that be despisers, mockers, or gainelayers of Preachers and Ministers doing their duties.

6 Item whether there bee any knowne Papists, or any receyuers of such as doe not consent to the Queene hir Maiesties Supremacie.

7 Item whether your Chancell, Church, and Churchyarde be in good and sufficient reparatio.

8 Item whether your Person or Vicar haue more benefices than one, & whether your Curate serue more cures than one.

9 Item whether your Curate trade distinctly, so that he may be heard and vnderstanded of the parishioners, & whether he hath speciall Licence vnder the Ordinaries Seale.

10 Item whether your Curate reade an Homely,

mely, when there is no Sermon.

11 Item whether the Churchwardens do collect and take, of those that do not come to church upon the Sundayes and Holidayes, the forfeitures of twelue pence, to the vse of the poore, for every time that they be so absent without iuste cause.

12 Item whether a Certificat be made at the least euery quarter, of all swearers, blasphemers of Gods holy name, Drunkardes, Adulterers, incestuous persons, Fornicators, Rybaudes, Baudes, or receiuers of such inconuenient people and of strange women with chylde, whose husbandes are unknowne, or any persons that are vehemently suspected of such faults, & al sowers of discorde betweene neyghbours within your parryshe.

13 Item whether the Statute of the prouisiō for the poore be duely obserued and kept: if not, in whome the faulte is, and whether any refuse to contribute to the reliefe of the poore.

14 Item whether there be any that doe stubbornely contemne, or despise the order of Administration of the holy Sacramentes, sette forth in the English tongue, or haue not receiued, or do obstinately refuse to receyue the holy Communion at the least three times in the yeare.

15 Item whether there bee any cloth hanged on the wall, where the high alter stood, and the table of ten commaundements fixed to the same.

16 Item whether your Person, Vicar or Curate,

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rate say or sing his seruice, in such decent besture as is prescribed by publique authoritie.

17 Item whether any of your Parithe after that he be excommunicated, doe at any tyme resort to the Church, at Diuine seruice, not beeing absolued and restored to the Church agayne, and whether any of your Parithe keepe any suche excommunicated person companie.

18 Item whether the Children be instructed in the English Catechisme, lastly sette forth by authoritie, euery Sundaye and Holydaye, befoze Euening prair, by the space of one whole houre, and if they bee not, whether the faulte bee in the Parentes and Maisters of the Chyliden, or in the Curate neglecting his duetie.

19 Itē whether ther be admitted to the receyuing of the Communion, any notozious sinners within your parish, without open reconciliation & declaration of repentance for the same offence.

20 Item whether the Queenes Maiesties Injunctions bee read quarterly, by the Person, Vicar or Curate.

21 Item whether any of your Parityones walke, falke, or otherwise vnreuerently be-haue themselues in the Church, or vse any gaming abroad, or in any house, or sitte in the streetes, or Churchyardes, or any Tauerne or Alehouse vppon the Sundayes or Holydayes, in tyme of Common prayer, seruice, Preaching, or reading of the Homelies: or whether any Inkeepers, Alewives, Victualers, or Typlers doe

do suffer them.

22 Item whether any Butchers, Byers, Shomakers, or others, vse to bring, carie, or sell any such things vpon Sundayes or Holydays, in the time of Common prayer, Serimon or reading of Homelies, and whether any other artificer dothe vtter any wares or Marchandize in the like times.

23 Item whether the Churchwardens, doe see the names of all Preachers that preache in their parych Churches, to be noted in a boke for that purpose, & whether euery Preacher do subscribe his name, & of whom he had his Licence.

24 Item whether any man trouble or molest the Churchwardens for doing their dueties.

25 Item whether the Churchwardens be chosen by the consent of the Person, Vicar, or Curat, without whose consent they may not be chosen.

26 Item whether the Churchwardens haue provided these bookes following, that is to saye, the English Bible in a great volume, the boke of service, the bokes of Homelies, with the Homely against rebellion, bokes of Psalmes, the boke of holy Articles, with Canons and rules of discipline in Englishe, the booke of the Queenes Maiesties Inunctions, the booke of aduertisements, the table of degrees of Patrimoine, the ten Commaundementes, and the ByGops Injunctions, the bookes of peculiar prayer set forth at any tyme, at the costes and charges of the Parishioners.

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27 Item whether the Paraphrases of Erasmus, or else the exposition of Master Muculus vpon the Gospell of Saint Mathewe, be hadde and provided, at the charges of the Parische and Parson, or Proprietarie, equally bozne betwene them.

28 Item whether the Quire be cumly & orderly kept, whether they haue a fayre & cumly Table, of two yeardes and a halfe (if the Quire wyll serue) for the Communion, with a faire linnen cloth to lay vpon the same, and some couering of Silke, Buckram, or such lyke, for the cleane keeping thereof.

29 Item whether there bee any within your Parische that dothe administer vpon the goodes of any deceased, without authoritie from the Ordinarie, whereby the Infantes and Creditors, commonly be defrauded of their due ties.

30 Item whether the Person, Vicar, or Curate, doth vnder any other seruice, than by publique authoritie is sette forth, or alter or chaunge the seruice of the booke of Common prayer, or any parte thereof otherwile than it is sette forth.

31 Item whether the Person or Vicar hath made a terrey of their glebe Landes, Pastures, Medowes, Closes, or Gardens, belonging vnto their benefice, by the chiefe of their Parische, and whether they haue presented the sayde terrey, accordingly vnto their Ordinarie.

32 Item whether the Parson, Vicar, or Curate, hath perely befoze the .xx. day after Easter, exhibi-

exhibited to the Bishop, or his officers, the names and surnames of suche persons in their Parishes, beeing: xliii. yeares of age, and by woeorde, whiche receyue not the holie Communion. And such also as refuse to be examined by the Minister of the Church, in the Catechisme.

33 Item, whether any be admitted by his person, vicar, or Curate, to be godfathers, and godmothers, vntlesse they haue receiued the communion, or can say the Catechisme.

34 Item whether you knowe any person by preaching, or in worde by talke, maynteyning any doctrine against the worde of God, or against the godly articles, or against the booke of service confirmed by full authoritie of the Church of England, and of the whole Realme.

35 Item whether any thing which hath bene complayned of, is not yet redressed.

36 Item whether any in your Parishes do depraue, or dispraise the booke of Common prayer, in any part (set forth by authoritie of Parliament) or speake against the Homelies, or do mayntaine or holde any erroneous opinions, contrarie to the worde of God, and the Lawes of the Realme.

37 Item whether there hath bene any fraye made in your Churches, or Churchyards, to the disturbance of Gods service, or to the euill example of the rest of the Parishes, and if there hath ben, the you shal present by whom it was made, when, and after what sort.

38 Item whether there be any Scholemaster
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within your parsonie that doth teach any Grammar school, either privately or openly, whether they be licensed to so teach, how long they have taught, and what their names be.

39 Item whether there be any Legacies withhelden, given to the Church or poore people, or mending of high wayes, or otherwise by the Testators. In whose handes it is, by whom it is given, and by whome it is withholden.

40 Item whether your Churchwardens do truly Administer the goodes of the Church, and in the presence of the Minister, make a true account of their office yearly, and at the end of their account deliver by the money, and choose new Churchwardens once every year.

41 Item whether any man haue put away his wife, or any wife absente herselfe from her husbande without iust cause or without authority from their Ordinarie, or any that hath married within the degrees prohibited by the Leviticall and other Lawes within this Realme, set forth in that behalfe.

42 Item whether there be any comenient strong Chest for the poore mans Boxe.

43 Item whether your Person or Vicar, or Curate, do minister the holy communion to any forainer, or stranger, coming out of any other Diocese, without the special Licence of the Bishop, or his officers, or the minister of that place from whence the said forainer or stranger doth come.

44 Item whether euery Moneth your Person,

in the Diocesse of Ely.

long, Witne, or Curate, doe reade openly in the Church, the Proclamation set out of late by the Queenes Maiestie for the calling in of seditious Docters, as Harding, Saunders, and such like, to be deliuered to the Ordinarie, according to the tenor and meaning of the sayde Proclamation, which Proclamation is to bee hadde at the colles and charges of the party.

45 Item whether they doe exercise themselves in godly studie of holy Scriptures, and in devout bringing up of yowthe, as in teaching of them their Catechisme, and other Godly exercises from tyme to tyme.

46 Item whether they decently and orderly they goe in their apparell, according to the Booke of Aduertisements, lately set forth in that behalfe.

47 Item whether they be resident upon their Benefices, and maintayne Hospitallitie to their habilitie. And whether their Personage houses, and vicarage houses with other the edifices, and houses of easements therunto belonging & appertayning be in good and sufficient reparations, and if they be not resident, whether they let their Benefices to ferme to their Curates according to the Statute.

48 Item whether they use to praye for the Queenes Maiestie in their Churches, and exhorthe the people to obedience of hir grace, and other Magistrates being in authoritie under hir.

49 Item whether your Persons, Vicars, or Curates be married or no, and if they be not, whe-

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ther they kepe in their houses any suspected women, vnder the name and colour of their Butlers, Kinswomen, or otherwise.

50 Item whether they obserue and keepe the order for the bringing of the Corse to the buriall, according to the Booke.

51 Item whether they doe visite the sicke and impotent persons, to comfort them in the time of their sicknesse with necessarie doctrine out of holy Scriptures, necessarie for that purpose, in exhorting them also to consider the pooze, and other charitable Deedes.

52 Item whether your Person or Vicar bought his benefice, or else came to the same, and obtained it by fraude, guile, Simonie, or by any other vnlawful meanes.

53 Item whether your Person, Vicar, or Curate, doe expounde the Scriptures, as the Lessons, Epistle and Gospell, after they haue read them in the Church, or Homelies in reading of them, without especiall Licence.

54 Item whether the booke, or Register wherein the Daye, Moneth, and Yeare, of every wedding, Chyrrening, and Burying is, or ought to bee written and noted, bee well and diligently kept.

55 Item whether you haue at the common charge of the Parishioners, a cumly and conuenient Pulpit, sette and placed in a fit place within your Church, and the same cleanly and semely kept for the preaching of Gods worde.

56 Item

in the Diocesse of Ely.

56 Item whether your Person, Vicar or Curate, were made Priestes in the Reigne of King Henrie the eyght, or Queene Marie. And if hee were, then whether he hath read openly in your Parische Church, the Articles of Religion, accordyng too the Statute in that behalfe lately made.

57 Item to inquire of what value the Vicarage is, if there be any Vicarage in your Parish, and who is the Patron and giuer thereof. And if there bee a Curate, what wages hee hath, and who doth pay it.

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